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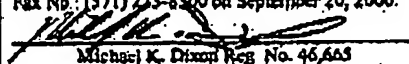
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In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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